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RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116
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In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 2551-109
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 Maertens et al. TC/A.U. 1648
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 Title: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND
 THERAPEUTIC USE

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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